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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSY, OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER), SY
SUBJECT: OFFICE SUPPLIES, VEHICLE REQUEST, OFFICE EQUIPMENT

REF: A. STATE 084473; B. DAMASCUS 0459 (NOTAL);
C. STATE 086685 (NOTAL)

1. POST APPRECIATES SPIRIT OF COOPERATION SHOWN BY ADMIN SECTION OF AMEMBASSY BEIRUT. TELECON'S WITH GSO JIM MURRAY INDICATE THAT EVERYTHING WILL FUNCTION SMOOTHLY. POST HAS REVIEWED PREVIOUS VISIT REQUIREMENTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING.

2. OFFICE SUPPLIES: FSO BRENNAN HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS TDY'ER TO DAMASCUS. LAST VISIT MR. BRENNAN WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF SETTING UP THE OFFICES FOR THE SECRETARIAT AND OFFICE. POST DEFERS TO GSO MURRAY AND MR. BRENNAN ON DECISION AS TO WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES.

3. VEHICLES: POST DEFINITELY NEEDS AT LEAST ONE VEHICLE WITH DRIVER FOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL NEEDS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SECOND EMBASSY CAR AND DRIVER BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING ACTUAL TIME SECSTATE PARTY STAYS IN DAMASCUS. DOES EMBASSY BEIRUT HAVE ANY EXTRA VEHICLES? IF YOU DO WE CAN SUPPLY TWO DRIVERS TO BRING TWO VEHICLES

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TO DAMASCUS AND POST WILL MAN THEM DURING THE VISIT.

REGARDING THE USE OF THE CHRYSLER LIMOUSINE POST WILL DEFER TO USSS PERSONNEL WHO HAVE IN THE PAST DECIDED IF THE VEHICLE IS NECESSARY FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE.

4. OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

A. POST AGAIN HAS NEED FOR TWO HIGH SPEED COPIERS IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION AND SUPPLIED WITH ENOUGH PAPER TO LAST THE VISIT. (PAPER NOT AVAILABLE HERE.) LAST TIME THE TWO SAVON 230'S WORKED FINE. WE HAD TO WORK ON THEM AFTER THEY GOT TO DAMASCUS BUT POSSIBLY THE TRIP SHOOK THEM UP.

B. ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS: POST WOULD APPRECIATE THREE TYPEWRITERS, PREFERABLY WITH SAME TYPE. IF POSSIBLE A FOURTH WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. FIVE BOXES OF NCR 7-PLY PAPER (12 ROLLS PER BOX)

B. ONE BOX TELETYPE RIBBONS.

C. ONE CASE TELETYPE TAPE (40 ROLLS)

D. ANY TWO OR THREE PLY PAPER THAT IS AVAILABLE.

6. AT PRESENT POST CAN NOT THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE. SUPPLIES FOR POTABLES, CIGARETTES, ETC., FOR USE IN VISITOR'S CONTROL ROOM WILL BE SEPARATE MESSAGE. SCOTES

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